In Loving Memory Of

Missionary Elzer Dickens

First Lady of the California Western Jurisdiction

Born: October 17, 1916 — *Spanish Lake, Louisiana*
Departed: June 19, 1993 — *Berkeley, California*

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away; behold, all things become new.

II Cor 5:17

Thursday, June 24, 1993 - 11 a.m.

Ephesian Church of God in Christ
1709 Alcatraz Avenue
Berkeley, California

Elder Richard Carr, Pastor

Officiant
Bishop P. A. Brooks
General Board Member

Obituary

Life is but a working day, a time to work, a time to pray; and then comes death - this comes to all. And I heard a Voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them (Rev. 4:15). Mother Elzer Dickens went home to be with the Lord on June 19, 1993 at 5:40 pm. Mo. Dickens was born in Natchitoches, LA on October 17, 1916 to the proud parents Matt and Evalina Jackson. She was the fourth child of eleven children. Mo. Elzer Dickens was educated in the public school system in Powhatan, LA. She received her religious training in the North Star Baptist Church.

Mo. Dickens met Bishop Jessie Dickens when she was a girl. They married at the ages of seventeen and eighteen on September 11, 1934. To this union was born seven children. One preceded her in death. In 1936, Mo. Elzer Dickens was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost under the pastorage of her father-in-law, Elder Pernell Dickens.

Mo. Dickens was totally blind at the age of eleven. A missionary that no one knew came to the house, she poured an abundant amount of oil on her head and it ran down her face and saturated her and God healed her eyes. In 1943, Mo. Elzer Dickens and the family moved to Oakland, CA and became members of the Good Samaritan Church of God in Christ, Bishop Isaac Finley, Pastor. Mo. Dickens was an excellent cook. She was asked to go to Hollywood, CA and Paris, France. Her meals were enjoyed by hundreds, and her cakes from coast to coast. She took cakes to Memphis and the women's conventions. She worked as a nurses' assistant in private homes and hospitals. She cared for many of the families that came to live with her.

In 1950 she had a new role as pastor's wife. Mo. Dickens was a dedicated worker in her local church. She was a Sunday School teacher, a Superintendent, Prayer and Bible Band President and Home and Foreign Mission President.

In the Unity District, Mo. Dickens was former Chairman over the pastors' wives and upon her death treasurer of the Women's Department. In the California Western Jurisdiction she was on the Executive Board, an advisor and coordinated the State Banquet. Mo. Elzer Dickens was interested in every faction of the church, she was faithful, and never missed a meeting. She was generous in giving of her money and her time. She often asked, "What can I cook you?" She visited the sick even when she wasn't feeling in good health. Last week she was trying to visit two of the saints in Stockton, CA. Mo. Elzer Dickens favorite phrase was "God is a good God!" Her favorite song was "Don't Let Nobody Turn You Around."

Mo. Elzer Dickens will be greatly missed by her devoted husband and family, the local churches, district, jurisdiction, and all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her a loving husband, Bishop Jessie Dickens; sons Elder Titus Dickens; Mr. Samuel Dickens of Oakland, CA; Ms. Addie Jean Dickens of Berkeley, CA; Mr. David Dickens of Oakland, CA; Mr. Nathaniel Dickens of San Francisco, CA; Mr. Booker T. Dickens of Oakland, CA; Ms. Regina Dickens of Oakland, CA; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Daphne Dickens and Mrs. Mildred Dickens; two sisters, Mrs. Elvee Ratliff and Mrs. Lillie Casson of Spanish Lake, LA; and four brothers, Mr. Aaron Jackson, Mr. Ivory Jackson and Mr. Leo Jackson of Houston, TX; and Mr. Norris Jackson of Los Angeles, CA. Eleven sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Masters of Ceremony
Superintendent L. Clayton
Superintendent M. Thomas

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Brother Rance Vaughn

The Processional

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
EXECUTIVE BOARD
SUPERINTENDENTS
SUPERVISOR & CABINET
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATES
FAMILY
CHURCH FAMILY

THE INVOCATION ..... Elder J. M. Scoggins, Jr.
OLD TESTAMENT 23rd Psalms ..... Elder C. Thurman

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 ..... Elder L. Dill

CHORUS SELECTION ..... Jurisdictional Choir

Mistress of Ceremony
Missionary Betsy Vaughns

Words of Expression (2 minutes)

AS A PASTOR'S WIFE ..... Sister L. Tramble
DISTRICT MISSIONARIES ..... Missionary Dill
EXECUTIVE BOARD ..... Mo. E. Thurman, 1st Asst.
RESOLUTION ..... Missionary P. Davis
TRIBUTE ..... Mo. M. Harmon, 2nd Asst.
STATE SUPERVISOR ..... Mother V. Herring
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS
WORDS OF EXPRESSION ..... International Supervisor of Women ..... Dr. Mattie McGlothen
SOLO ..... Sister Warrenell Scoggins

Words of Expression (2 minutes)

PASTORS ..... Elder R. Vaughn
SUPERINTENDENTS ..... Superintendent M. Wright
EXECUTIVE BOARD ..... Superintendent R. Rigmaiden
TRIBUTE FROM THE FAMILY ..... Elder T. Dickens
RESOLUTION ..... Elder J. Webb, Sr.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CARDS & TELEGRAMS ..... Sister B. Lindsey
OBITUARY ..... Missionary Holloway
WORDS ..... Bishop Jessie Dickens
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOPS AND GUESTS
INTRODUCTION OF MESSENGER
THE SERMONIC SOLO ..... Deacon Joe Alberty
EULOGY ..... Bishop P. A. Brooks
General Board Member
THE PARTING VIEW ..... Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home

Honorary Pallbearers

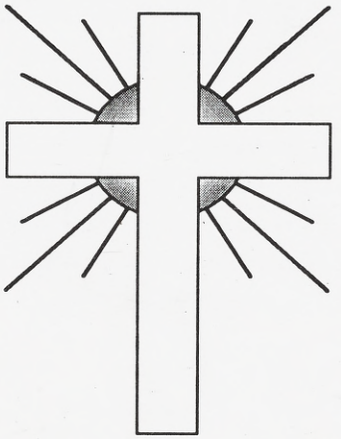
Executive Board of the
Women Department

Active Pallbearers

Elder C. Alberty
Elder T. Dickens
Elder J. M. Scoggins, Jr.
Superintendent R. Rigmaiden
Superintendent M. Wright
Elder R. Vaughn

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, California



Arrangements Entrusted To

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